

# George Washington High School's I.B. Broadcaster



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## IB PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome to all George Washington IB students and their families—especially to our freshmen Class of 2018 (all 144 of them!!) and to our transfer IB students! A reminder that GWIB has its own web site. To sign up to receive **important** eblasts and the **IB Broadcaster**, one needs to visit [georgeib.com](http://georgeib.com) and enter your email address. This is an important communication link to disseminating information to the IB community on a timely basis. You can also join the GWIB Parents Association at this same web site. The Student Directory should be hitting the press very soon and will be distributed within the next couple of weeks. An eblast will be sent notifying you when they are being distributed to your students at school.

The 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start for the IB Parents Association (IBPA). The Welcome Picnic was a fun, well-attended family gathering. A big thank you, once again, to **Jody Kerr** and her committee for organizing it. Mir Park, a new location for our picnic, turned out to be a beautiful setting for an evening. We appreciate our faculty members taking time from their respective evenings to come to meet the families.

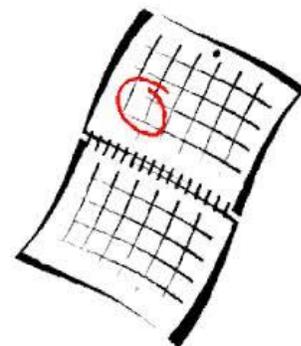
The IB Parents Association Board Members are dedicated to providing IB students and families with informative, educational, social and supportive meetings and gatherings so that all may gain more knowledge about the IB program and the unique IB experience. We want everyone to feel a part of the GW IB community. The IB Parents Association works hard to support our excellent IB faculty and staff by organizing teacher appreciation events and by coordinating volunteer time.

There are so many ways to be involved as an IB parent – the more you are involved, the better the IB program functions! The IB Parents Association helps to foster communication and the exchange of ideas: we are allies for the success of our IB students and our IB program!

The IB Office has been busy with our shadowing program with shadowing visits that began on September 8th and putting the Ambassador Committee right to work. Jennifer Wiener and Jamie Sarche have been actively engaged with organizing and meeting with the shadows and families of the shadows.

### UPCOMING GWIB EVENTS

- October 9 & 14 (3:30 - 7:30 pm): Parent/Teacher conferences
- October 14 at 6 p.m.: College Admissions night
- October 14 at 6:30 p.m.: Freshmen (9th grade) mandatory meeting
- October 14: 10th and 11th grade practice ACT test
- October 18: PSAT testing
- December 2: Financial Aid night
- February 24: FAFSA night



Our Board welcomes several new volunteers and thanks them for their commitment to the IB Program:

Secretary: Kristen Froyd

Student Directory Chair: Kimberly Kelsay

IB Ambassador Chair: Maura Mackintosh

Spring Book Buy Back & Sale Co-Chairs: Kathryn Stieneker and Marijke Sheraden

The IB Parent Association is seeking to recruit new volunteers to fill the following positions:

Vice President of the IB Parent Association

Coordinator for our Facebook page.

Editor for IB Broadcaster (to take over in Fall of 2015)



## **IBPA MEETINGS**

IB Parents Association meetings are designed to be educational, informative meetings, and/or social events to give IB families a chance to stay connected with other IB students and parents. The first IB Parents meeting this year will be **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m.** in the GW auditorium. This meeting is a **mandatory meeting for parents of 9th graders (freshmen).**

**Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.** - Mandatory meeting for 10th graders

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** - College panel of GWIB alumni still in college share their insights on college life and how IB prepared them

## **VOLUNTARY DUES**

The voluntary dues fundraising campaign for the IB Parents Association is well underway and the response of GW's IB families has been great! THANK YOU! Your generosity again this year ensures that the IB Parents Association will continue to be a strong and active group and that IB students, teachers, staff, and families will also continue to receive support and benefits. If you have not yet made a contribution to this year's dues campaign, you still have time to do so. The dues enable the Association to fund programs, activities and publications sponsored by the Association. The Board is asking for a minimum contribution of \$40 per IB student. A generous response from our IB families will help us to keep the IB program and GW as strong as ever.

**Please send your tax-deductible donation to: John Murray, 1243 South Williams Street, Denver, CO 80210. Checks should be made payable to "IB Foundation." Or visit [georgeib.com](http://georgeib.com) and make an on-line donation.**

## **GIVE TO YOUR CHILD: VOLUNTEER WITH THE IB PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Whether they admit it to you or not, when you volunteer to help at our students' school, our children notice. And it means a lot to them – and to the school! You can give a gift to both by volunteering to help with IB Parents Association projects. Keep in mind that we all know everyone is very busy, and as a volunteer, you will not be called on to do too much! IB life is exciting, all-encompassing, challenging and rewarding. Please feel free to contact any of us to ask about how you can help and get involved. Our contact information is found at the end of this newsletter.

*Leslie B. Lilly Wollins*, IBPA President

## A Letter from the IB Parents Association and the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation to the George Washington IB Community

Dear George Washington IB Parents, Students and Faculty,

As the new school year begins, we thought this would be a good time to explain again the interaction of the Friends of IB Scholars Foundation and the IB Parents Association.

The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation was established by a group of IB parents and faculty in 1995 to support the IB program at George Washington by funding activities related to the GW IB program. These activities include loans to needy students for the cost of IB exams and books; grants to teachers for advising on IB extended essays; requests from IB teachers for equipment, books, subscriptions, and continuing education; loans to the Model UN group, support for National History Day participation by IB students, and other such requests. The Foundation also assists with college counseling for juniors and seniors. Through its tax exempt, 501(c)(3) status, the Foundation offers the opportunity for tax-deductible contributions. The Foundation Board, comprised of IB parents, an IB faculty member, IB Program Director Suzanne Geimer, and alumni parents, meets several times a year.

The IB Parents Association was formed nearly two decades ago by IB parents to support the IB program at George Washington by organizing informational and educational meetings for IB parents and students about the IB program, the college application process and other topics of interest to IB families; organizing social and student recruiting activities for the IB program (including the Welcome Back picnic); sponsoring the Book Buy Back and Sale; providing support for the IB program through the Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) component of the IB program; providing teacher appreciation events and gifts for the IB faculty; organizing the IB Senior Brunch; and publishing the IB Directory and the IB Broadcaster newsletter, as well as maintaining the website, [georgeib.com](http://georgeib.com), to enhance communication among IB families. The Association also helps to fund projects which support programs at George Washington outside of the IB program in which IB students participate, such as drama, music and sports. The Foundation provides some financing for the Parents Association, and collects the dues for the Association.

We encourage IB families to support both of these organizations, whose success is critical to the continued excellence of the GW IB program. Your \$40 dues are necessary, at a minimum, to maintain the funding support of the program, but we also welcome addition donations.

Donations can be made online: <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/?key=friendsfib>.

Or, fill out the form at: [http://www.georgeib.com/pdf/GWIB\\_Donation\\_Form\\_2009\\_09.pdf](http://www.georgeib.com/pdf/GWIB_Donation_Form_2009_09.pdf)

and mail it to: John Murray, Treasurer, 1243 South Williams Street, Denver, CO 80210.

Now, we also realize that there are some wildcards, to say the least – some questions, about the future of the IB program as we know it. Things are changing, and we don't know how they will pan out. But rest assured that there is a constant: we need to fund the wonderful teachers, staff, and students who comprise the best academic program in Denver. They need your help, regardless of what lies in the store for the future.

Here's knowing you and your student(s) will have a great school year in IB!!

*Tom Zeiler*, President, Friends of IB Scholars Foundation

*Leslie Lilly*, President, IB Parents Association



## CAMPUS UPDATE

by Barb DeSarro

Many people have noticed the big new trees on the east and south side of GW's campus. DPS Bond money paid for the planting of 15 new Linden trees to help create shade for the building and courtyard. The two new planter boxes in the courtyard were also constructed and provide seating for students at lunchtime. The investigation into the soggy grass at the north entrance continues.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the GW Grounds Committee and GW Orchard Club hosted a visit from Joel Reich, an expert arborist, formerly of CSU Extension Center. Joel educated us about our apple and peach trees with information including ideas to make winter watering easier, organic pesticides, grafting, how to combat the coddling moth and my favorite...how to tell if an apple is ripe using the sound it makes when pressed on with the "original tension meter – your thumb!" The GW Grounds Committee always welcomes new members – contact Barb DeSarro at [bwdesarro@hotmail.com](mailto:bwdesarro@hotmail.com) to learn more about what we do to keep GW green.



The advertisement is a vertical banner. On the left, a photograph shows a young woman with blonde hair smiling, with colorful ball-and-stick molecular models in the background. The central part of the banner is red and features the Target bullseye logo at the top. Below the logo, the text reads "Take Charge of Education" in white. Underneath, there are images of several REDcard credit and debit cards. The bottom section of the banner is blue and contains the text "\$387 million since 1997" in white. To the right of the red section, on a grey background, is the text "Support her education. Every time you shop." in white. Below this, in smaller white text, it says: "Thanks to REDcard guests, more than 85,000 schools received a check from Take Charge of Education. When you use REDcard we'll donate up to 1% of your purchases to help an eligible K-12 school of your choice." At the very bottom right, in small white text, it says: "To learn more or enroll today visit Target.com/TCOE".

There are 70 REDcard holders that have designated GWHS to receive 1% of their purchases to be donated to our school.

GWHS just received its annual check of \$1,319.54 this month.

Please consider signing up for Target's REDcard and choosing GWHS.

## SPEECH AND DEBATE

George Washington High School's Speech and Debate teams open the academic year with Novice competition beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Stay up to speed on team events by checking the team website regularly at <http://www.gwhsspeechanddebate.com/>.

Nearly 150 students are enrolled in teacher Maryrose Kohan's Speech and Debate classes. Students and families enjoyed a fall kick-off picnic and students are preparing for an amazing year of competition.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

**Oct. 1: Novice Night** at GW High School Room 17. Community dinner at Chipotle.

**Oct. 4: Training for judges** at Novice Meet at Lakewood High School. Come at 10 a.m. and get trained to judge, then shadow experienced judges. (For more details on judging, please click [here](#).)

**Oct. 11: Training for judges** at Novice Meet at Overland High School. Come at 10 a.m. and get trained to judge, then shadow experienced judges. (For more details on judging, please click [here](#).)

**Oct. 22, 6 p.m.:** Training for judges (All families are encouraged to have at least one parent trained as a judge). GW High School Room 17. (For more details on judging, please click [here](#).)

**Oct. 31** – the afternoon of Halloween – Speech and Debate-a-bowl at AMC Bowling on Leetsdale — All students will get pledges and bowl in the team's large fundraiser for the year.

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## IB PARENT ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2014-15

October 14: Freshmen (9th grade) mandatory meeting

December 9: Sophomore (10th grade) mandatory meeting

January 6, 2015: College panel - GWIB alumni in college share their insights

April (TBA): Junior (11th grade) mandatory meeting

April (TBA): Sophomore (10th grade) mandatory meeting/CAS Fair (mandatory for seniors)

May 3: Senior Brunch

May (TBA): IB exams

May (TBA): Book Buy Back and Sale

### IB Student Directories will be out soon!

Your student should receive this during English class; an eblast will be sent out on the day the directories are distributed.



## THE IB COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

**Leigh Cassidy-Harkelroad** is the GWHS counselor for all IB students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. She can be contacted by phone at 720-423-8604 or by email at [Leigh\\_Cassidy-Harkleroad@dpsk12.org](mailto:Leigh_Cassidy-Harkleroad@dpsk12.org).

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**Please be sure to visit the counseling department's website [www.gwhscounseling.com](http://www.gwhscounseling.com)!** Check it out along with our updated bulletin board which includes current information about pre-collegiate and summer programs; study abroad opportunities; jobs and internships; scholarships and more!

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### September

- 22<sup>nd</sup> (lasting 3 weeks) - Brown Bag Meetings
- 27<sup>th</sup> - CU Boulder Campus Tour
- 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> - Christian College Fair of Colorado
- 30<sup>th</sup> (3-4pm) - Boettcher Scholarship Information

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Stanford Regional Visit at GWHS
- 7<sup>th</sup> George Washington University Regional Visit at GWHS
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> - Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- 14<sup>th</sup> (6 pm)- College Admissions Night
- 14<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade) (7:30 am)- Practice ACT Test
- 16<sup>th</sup> (6 pm)- Out of State College Fair at JFK HS
- 18<sup>th</sup> (7:30am) PSAT Testing (See Sal- Ms. Arnold)
- 18<sup>th</sup> (1pm)- Denver National College Fair @ College Convention Center
- 24<sup>th</sup> (9:30-10:30 am) In School College Fair- GW Gym

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> (6pm) - NCAA Information- Future Center

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> (6pm) - Financial Aid

### January

- 20<sup>th</sup> - Courses Fair - (Time TBD)

### February

- 24<sup>th</sup> (6pm) - FAFSA night (3rd floor computer lab)

*Specific times or changes will be posted on the counseling website at [www.gwhscounseling.com](http://www.gwhscounseling.com)*

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